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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/735,322	Applicant(s) CHANG ET AL.	
	Examiner Sue A. Purvis	Art Unit 1734	

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Kreckel et al. (US Patent No. 6,491,781 B1) and Williams et al. (US Patent No. 6,610,386 B2).

Applicant admits on pages 1 and 2 of the instant specification that an image is applied to an article via an image-transfer medium. The medium disclosed in Figure 1(a) includes a transparent substrate (11) and a transferable material (12) formed on the substrate surface. Figure 1(b) shows a transfer medium with various images (or letters) for transfer, when a word such as "PRIMAX" is transferred to an article, a hollowed transferable material is created with a specific pattern vacant.

The admitted prior art does not teach transferring onto a light transmissible surface as required by the claim.

Kreckel teaches that transferring an image graphic onto an article having a light transmissible surface is known. (Col. 8, lines 28-50.)

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made based on the teachings of Kreckel to use the transferable medium disclosed in the admitted prior art on an article with a light transmissible surface.

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The admitted prior art in view of Kreckel does not disclose a dot pattern of transferable material. The admitted prior art does show selective transfer of the letters to the article. Williams shows a transfer medium with a dot pattern thereon.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that a dot pattern is within the purview of the artisan, because Williams teaches it is known in the art to use a dot pattern on transferable medium.

Regarding claim 2, official notice is taken that in order to transfer the material as is done in the admitted prior art; pressure is applied to the transfer medium by means of a stamping tool.

Regarding claim 3, the transferable material along with the transparent substrate is adhered to the article until the substrate is removed.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 24 August 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
4. Applicant argues that Williams' dot code is transferred in its entirety to the final object and does not suggest removing a selected portion of the code. However, the test for obviousness is not whether the features of a secondary reference may be bodily incorporated into the structure of the primary reference; nor is it that the claimed invention must be expressly suggested in any one or all of the references. Rather, the test is what the combined teachings of the references would have suggested to those of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981). The admitted prior art teaches the selective removal of the transferable material. Williams' was relied on to show a dot pattern could be used in place of the letters shown in the admitted prior art. It stands to reason, the dot pattern when used in the admitted prior art need not be

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transferred in its entirety as suggested by the applicant, rather selective transfer could be done as taught in the admitted prior art.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

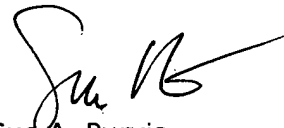
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sue A. Purvis whose telephone number is (571) 272-1236. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9am to 6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher A. Fiorilla can be reached on (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner
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